

House Amendment 8614

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1 1 Amend Senate File 2425, as amended, passed, and
1 2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
1 3 #1. Page 135, by inserting after line 32 the
1 4 following:
1 5 <DIVISION ____
1 6 MASS TRANSIT
1 7 Sec. ____ MASS TRANSIT INTERIM COMMITTEE. The
1 8 legislative council is requested to establish a
1 9 legislative interim study committee to conduct a
1 10 comprehensive study of the ways in which mass transit
1 11 might be employed to provide public transportation
1 12 services among Iowa communities. The study should
1 13 include but not be limited to an examination of the
1 14 following:
1 15 1. The ways in which the availability of mass
1 16 transit affects various populations within rural and
1 17 urban communities. In particular, the study should
1 18 examine the benefits of mass transit for poor,
1 19 elderly, and disabled individuals who are unable to
1 20 drive or cannot afford to own a motor vehicle.
1 21 2. Any impact that mass transit services among
1 22 Iowa communities might have on population levels,
1 23 quality of life, and economic development in urban job
1 24 centers, smaller satellite communities, and rural
1 25 towns.
1 26 3. The effect of mass transit on statewide
1 27 greenhouse gas emissions and overall air quality,
1 28 including the role that mass transit can play in
1 29 meeting the goals of the Iowa energy independence
1 30 plan.
1 31 4. The level of public need for mass transit among
1 32 Iowa communities, including any specific areas of the
1 33 state where the need is most immediate.
1 34 5. The feasibility of expanding mass transit
1 35 services and the types and combinations of services
1 36 that might comprise a mass transit system for Iowa.
1 37 6. The potential costs and possible funding
1 38 mechanisms for developing and maintaining specific
1 39 mass transit services.
1 40 7. The attitudes and habits of Iowans concerning
1 41 personal transportation. The study should include a
1 42 component for educating the public about the economic,
1 43 social, and environmental advantages of mass transit.
1 44 The committee membership should include ten members
1 45 representing both political parties and both houses of
1 46 the general assembly. The committee should consult
1 47 with the department of transportation, the office of
1 48 energy independence, the department of human services,
1 49 local officials, members of the general public who are
1 50 knowledgeable concerning intercity public transit and
2 1 passenger rail, and other interested parties as
2 2 necessary to accomplish the work of the committee.
2 3 The committee, if authorized, shall submit a written
2 4 report of its findings and recommendations to the
2 5 governor and the general assembly by December 31,
2 6 2008.>
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